



Parliamentarians for Global Action
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Presentation of PGA's Global Parliamentary Declaration to End Child, Early & Forced Marriage to Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of 70th Session of the UN General Assembly

Date & Time: Monday, October 12 from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Venue: ECOSOC Chamber, UN Conference Building

Background:

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), an international network of over 1,200 individual legislators from 142 countries, launched a Global Parliamentary Declaration to End Child, Early and Forced Marriage (CEFM) (<http://www.pgaction.org/news/declaration-to-end-child-early-and-forced-marriage.html>) in March 2015 to raise awareness about child, early and forced marriage among Parliamentarians and encourage them to: acknowledge the practice as a violation of human rights, call for a robust target on this issue in the post-2015 development agenda, and commit to follow up implementation at the national level. The Parliamentary Declaration seeks to facilitate the development of a strong global parliamentary constituency for the implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Development Goal Target 5.3: *To eliminate all harmful practices, such as child, early and forced marriage and female genital mutilations.*

To date, **729 Members of Parliament** from **77 countries** have signed PGA's Declaration demonstrating their commitment to promote and protect the human rights of girls and to comprehensively address child, early and forced marriage in their countries.

In a ceremony co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Canada, Tanzania, Ghana and Zambia, PGA will present the Parliamentary Declaration to Mr. Mogens Lykketoft, President of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly and a long-time PGA member, on Monday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m. in celebration of the International Day of the Girl Child 2015.

Agenda

Opening Remarks

H.E. Mr. Michael Grant

Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations

Presentation of Declaration to Mr. Lykketoft and brief remarks on the role of Parliamentarians in addressing CEFM

Hon. Dr. Pindi Chana, MP Tanzania

Deputy Minister for Community Development, Gender and Children

Chair, PGA International Council

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Acceptance of Declaration and remarks on Parliamentarians as partners in implementing the UN agenda on human rights and gender equality

Mr. Mogens Lykketoft

President of the 70th Session of the UN General Assembly

Brief remarks from Ambassadors from Zambia, Tanzania & Ghana

Amb. Ms. Christine Kalamwina

Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Zambia to the United Nations

H.E. Mrs. Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations

Amb. Mrs. Nuru Millao

Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations

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